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By ALEXANDER TAIT.

### The Cup Tie.

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**How the Competition Has Grown.** The are proverbially conservative in matters of sport, and the development of the Competition proves it. In the first year 15 clubs entered, and some of them not complete. Half a dozen years later the number had risen to three dozen, and from that day there has been steady growth, until this year 350 are

**Things Not Generally Known.**

are related to a club, who has the right to play at home. The opposition is ruled by the second one, and so the winning goes on until none are left in. Generally Mr. Wall brings out the list, which is handed round and eagerly desired and discussed by the crowd.

players and urged them to improve their Southern League record. Mr. Kelso decided to leave Woolwich in March. Civil Service team is to tour the United States in the spring. Mr. T. P. Campbell and Mr. G. W. Simmons were among the referees in the Cup ties—but Mr. A. Howard was not down. Other good forwards are missing, probably because they

**F.A. AMATEUR CUP.**

2nd Grenadiers, 2; Guildford, 2.  
Depot Bn. R.E. 4; Barnet Alston, 2.  
1st Royal Scots, 3; Amesley, 2.  
Wycombe Wanderers, 3; Reading Amateurs, 2.



[By E. B. TURNER.]

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bably for











[SPECIAL REPORTS.]

best of the game, but Adams kept a goal for Woking, and half an hour elapsed before the Wanderers met with any success. Then came a series of passes for Woking, Cameron, Stokes, Owen all scoring within a space of five minutes. At half-time the match stood Bolton Wanderers, 3; Woking, 0. Although not greatly exciting themselves, the Wanderers, on crossing over, kept their opponents without much trouble. Again, however, half an hour elapsed

down by Gifford, but the free kick came to nothing. Windridge let Hills shoot again, and this time the centre scored the eighth goal with a great drive. Workshop still played pluckily in spite of these reverses, and Whitley was several times to save, once from Wal when that player should have scored. The Chelsea forwards were, however, playing better than ever, and only were brilliant work by Fern, the Work-

afterwards fell away. McNair had extremely hard lines with a shot that struck the inner part of the post and bounced out for Booth to pick up with clear. It was really

**A MARVELLOUS ESCAPE**

for Everton. Had this shot resulted in goal it would no doubt have had a great influence on the result. However, one team can win, and Everton were entitled to their victory. The blues w

the Wanderers' feet, and passed gleefully to Corbett. The latter sent the ball across to Shelton, who was unmarked, and he beat Mulr at the second attempt. Radford had the best of the remaining play and

**TRIED VERY HARD**  
to take the lead, but the Wanderers defended in fine style, Lunn in particular distinguishing himself. The game terminated in a draw of 1 goal each.

WEST KENT LEAGUE  
 Farnham 3, Parnall 1; Discrey 1.  
 Maidstone 2, Charlton 1; Abing 1.

WENT WERREY LEAGUE  
 Farnham 4, Charlton 1.

WEST SUSSEX SENIOR LEAGUE  
 Worthing 3, Brighton 1; Horsham 3,  
 Brighton 2; Horsham 3,  
 Brighton 2; Littlehampton 2.

WILLERDEN LEAGUE.  
 Maidstone 9; Kentford 1st, 0.

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## "THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

### PARAGRAPHS FROM ALL PARTS.

In London 2,943 births and 1,226 deaths were registered last week.

Allowing for increase of population, the births were 10 and the deaths 325 below the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

The annual death-rate from all causes, which had been 15.8, 16.3, and 14.5 per 1,000 in the preceding three weeks, rose last week to 16.8.

The 1,526 deaths included 28 from measles, 17 from scarlet fever, 36 from diphtheria, 20 from whooping cough, 5 from infantile fever, and 10 from diarrhoea.

Different forms of violence caused 79 deaths. Of these 79 deaths, 10 were cases of suicide, and 1 was a case of homicide, while the remaining 68 deaths were attributed to accident or negligence.

In Greater London 4,431 births and 2,131 deaths were registered. Allowing for increase of population, these numbers are 27 above and 481 below the respective averages in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

The deaths registered last week in 76 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 16.9 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 16,234,952 persons in the middle of this year. In the preceding three weeks the rates had been 16.1, 16.8, and 14.7.

Mr. Thos. Hey, a centurion, of Brooklyn, New York, has died leaving 118 descendants.

**SCHOOL'S CONSULTING PHYSICIAN.**  
The governing body of Hughy School have transferred Dr. Clement Dukes to a new post, created for him, of consulting physician to the school, with a salary, in consideration of the long series of years that he has acted as medical officer. The change will take effect after July next.

**SEA TRAINING FOR BOYS.**  
The Navy League has arranged for a conference of the representatives of county councils to be held at the Westminster Palace Hotel during January, under the presidency of Lord Brassey, to consider the question of a national system of training for boys who wish to follow the sea as a calling.

**AN ERRONEOUS IDEA.**  
Joseph Murphy, a commercial traveller, was charged at Dublin with bigamy, and was sent to prison for four months. For the defence it was stated that an idea prevailed in several parts of Ireland that a marriage in a registry office ceased to be binding after a lapse of a certain time.

Two porpoises—over 5 ft. long—have been washed up on the beach at Lowestoft.

Prof. Henri Martens, of Geneva, has accepted the post of director of the Berlin-High School of Music in succession to the late Joseph Joachim.

Successful trials have been made at Christania of a suit of clothes, lined with a non-absorbent material which protects its wearer from drowning.

The first case to be dealt with under the Probation of Offenders Act at Chatham was that of a young woman, who was charged with stealing a fur bonnet.

Through scratching her wrist while cutting bread, it was stated at an inquest, Catherine Williams, of Battersea, died of blood-poisoning and died.

One of the last representatives of the firm of the Brothers Grant, the originals of Dickens's "Cheerful Brothers," Mr. Joseph Crompton, has died at Charlton-cum-Hardy.

Prince Max of Saxony, brother of King Frederick, who has long been German Catholic Professor of Theology at Erlangen University, Switzerland, is starting on a journey of research in Asia Minor.

After being instigated to the living of St. Peter's Church, Parr, Lancs, the Rev. T. W. Dearnley said he was making arrangements to work one of the local shafts, and descend in a coal-mine for a day.

**A TRADES UNION DEPUTATION.**  
The Home Secretary has notified Mr. Strachan, M.P., Secretary to the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress, that he will receive a deputation from that body on Jan. 30 to make representations to him on subjects referred to the Committee by the Congress.

**NETTING THE SERPENTINE.**  
The Thames Angling Preservation Society have obtained permission to transfer the fish from the Serpentine to the Thames. The fish include perch, carp, and roach, and some are of exceptionally heavy weight. The netting will be done at night, and the fish will be conveyed in tanks to various reserves of the Thames.

**A MAN WHO NEVER DIED.**  
Benjamin Hadley, aged 90, whose death is reported from East Somerset, U.S.A., where he left some valued at £500,000, claimed that he had never married, never joined an organisation, never insured his life, never purchased an entertainment ticket, never had a meal in hotel or restaurant, never spent more than 2s on a car fare, and never more than 4s on a year.

The Rev. E. J. Hardy, author of "How to be Happy though Married," is retiring from his Army chaplaincy.

The Rev. Hugh Pritchard, of Dinan, Anglesy, who died, aged 100, has left estate valued at £17,155 gross.

The Duke of the Abruzzi, the royal explorer, will, it is stated, shortly organise an expedition to the South Pole.

While tree-felling was in progress at Midhurst (Sussex) a large branch struck Daniel Horsey, an aged man, on the head, killing him.

Earth, Hope, and Charity are the names given to triplets, all girls, which the wife of a Fulham workman named James has given birth to.

Known Scotch ironfounder, who rose from the position of moulder's boy to merchant prince, has just died at Letchworth, Hertfordshire, aged 70.

Two scholars at Tolleshurst Unitarian Church Sunday School have been presented with gold medals for ten years' unbroken attendance, and a third has completed her 18th year of continuous attendance.

Mr. H. J. Morris, of Thame, who conducted a service at Thamey Methodist Church on Sunday night, was thrown from his machine, while cycling home, and died from injuries received.

The plans have now been prepared for the erection of the two temporary law courts in the Judges' Quadrangle, facing the Strand, and it is expected that the building of these courts will be proceeded with directly.

Benj. Wm. Cockrill, formerly a licensed victualler, of Chatham, was remanded on a charge of bigamy, marrying Sarah Ann Bartwistle, Cockrill was well-known locally in sporting circles.

**THE QUEEN'S PORTRAIT.**  
The painter, M. François Flameng, member of the Académie des Beaux-Arts, is expected next week in England, where he will finish the portrait of Queen Alexandra, commanded by the King.

**POLICE OFFICER RESIGNS.**  
Mr. John Copping, who claims to be the oldest police superintendent in England, has placed his resignation in the hands of the Huntingdonshire justices, after an active service of 55 years. Mr. Copping, at the age of 77, is a keen cyclist.

**PRIZE PIGEONS SUFFOCATED.**  
A fire occurred this week at Grosvenor Hall, an historic building near Huddersfield, occupied by Mr. Frank Holmes. About 40 head of valuable poultry were burnt to death, and 25 pairs of prize pigeons were suffocated by fumes. The coach-house and stabling were destroyed.

The Queen has sent a contribution of 10 guineas to the Homes for Little Boys, Farmington and Swanley.

Mr. W. M. Power, of Ruskin House, Westminster, carver and gilder, has been honoured with a Warrant of Appointment to his Majesty.

A school boy, aged 10, committed suicide in Belfast by tying a belt round his throat and hanging himself to the end of a bed.

The fishing boat Edith, of Culter, on arrival at Buckie reported that the skipper, Jas. Findlay, had been washed overboard and drowned.

Wm. Herbert Hall, rate collector, has been remanded on a charge of embezzling the money of Hastings Corporation.

After eluding for nine hours the rigging of their schooner, E. C. T. of Pakeston, which grounded in Carmarthen Bay, five sailors waded breast-deep through the sea to the shore as the tide receded.

For hitting a prisoner on the head with his truncheon, Mr. Ruggall, the Greenwich magistrate, censured a constable. "People must not be hit on the top of the head," he remarked.

At Tipton, Staffs, Wm. Hy. Granger, of Princess Road, was remanded on a charge of burglary at the house of Thos. Banner, and taking away from him £37, a watch and chain, and two silver medals.

A sub-committee of British and European wool merchants decided upon a particular wool pack as containing the minimum of vegetable fibre likely to be injurious to the wool, and it will probably be recommended for general use.

**HISTORIC STAKE.**  
An oak stake taken from the bed of the Thames at Brentford, where it had formed part of the palisade erected by Commodus to defend the ford against Julius Caesar, has been presented by Mr. Montagu Sharpe, deputy-chairman of the Middlesex Sessions, to Felling Library.

**CHURCH RELICS AS BEDSTEAD.**  
The vicar of Hemfield, Sussex, has secured a safe painted boards containing the Creed, Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, which formerly hung in the church, but had been converted into a four-post bedstead. The boards will be restored to their place on the walls of the church tower.

**MITCHAM COMMENT "IMPROVEMENT."**  
The Conservators of Mitcham Common, by five votes to four, have decided to allow the Croydon District Committee to take in hand the improvement of Croydon and of the common. This is to be done by "unemployed" labour, and will cost £1,500. The ground will be drained and laid out for cricket and football, and a much-needed road will be formed between the Jolly Gardeners and Beddington railway station.

Mr. Chas. T. Macaulay, nephew of Lord Macaulay, has just died at Bath, aged 57.

A wireless telegraphy system is about to be erected between the ports on the Benadir coast of East Africa and Zanzibar.

John Stewart, the prize-fighter, who fought in the days of Jen Mace and Charley Mitchell, died on Tuesday at Glasgow.

On the ground that her husband is "an inveterate poker player, and always a loser," a New York woman is suing for divorce.

While proceeding to a fire at Ashbourne, a fire engine was upset into a ditch, and one of the firemen badly hurt.

In the room where she was born, Mrs. E. Gardiner, of Halfpenny, near Glasgow, died this week in her 100th year.

Damage estimated at £8,000 was done by fire to the premises of the Crown Cork Co. in Paulst., Finsbury.

At one time a waiter, and now the proprietor of the Hôtel d'Italie, in Soho, Signor Baglioni is the Mayor of Montignone, Aversa, Italy.

Through his clothes becoming entangled in a loom he was repairing at a Blackburn cotton-mill, Rold, Beales was whirled round the revolving shafting and killed.

The fishermen's strike at Scarborough has been settled, the third hands of the crews of the Scarborough steam-trawler fleet agreeing to the master's terms.

Thrown by some passengers from the Celtic in mid-Atlantic, a bottle containing a message to the Anders to write to a New Jersey (U.S.A.) address has been picked up at Abereystwyth.

While three petty officers were proceeding in a dinghy to the obsolete cruiser Tribune in Harwich Harbour, their boat overturned, and one of them, First-class Petty Officer Chas. Jordan, of Brightlingsea, was drowned.

**SHIPPING CRISIS AVERTED.**  
A crisis in the Clyde shipyards has been prevented by the men accepting a reduction of 5 per cent. on piece rates, and by the masters agreeing to forgo the proposed reduction of one-fortieth per hour on time rates.

**CRUELTY CHARGE FAILS.**  
A constable at the Guildhall swore that the horse driven by a carman, summoned for cruelty, was lame, weak, and sore. Sir Horatio Davies said he had seen the horse, and could discover neither lameness nor sores. He dismissed the charge.

**SWISS MUSICIAN FOR BERLIN.**  
M. Martens, who has been professor at the Geneva Conservatoire for many years, states that the news of his appointment as Dr. Jouhann's successor at Berlin is premature, though an offer has been made. Negotiations are proceeding with the approbation of the Kaiser, and a settlement is expected this week.

The decapitated body of Charles Tomkins, a Bristol tradesman, was found outside Bodmin station.

At the meeting of the Crystal Palace Co. it was stated that a Mexican exhibition will be held during the coming season.

Mr. Matthew Wildenhouse, of 17, Jermyn-st., and Rocco Henrich, of Kent, and his wife this week celebrated their diamond wedding.

Over 150 converts have been made by the girl preacher, Frances Bradley Starr, aged 13, who has just completed a mission at Newport, Mon.

By the breaking of a plank upon which a number of men were engaged at the new sidings of the Powell Duffryn Co. at Henneford, Rhymney Valley, two men fell 50 ft., and were killed.

Burglars who visited a house at Boston, Mass., and poisoned a pet dog, returned the next night and left another dog of the same breed to replace the one they had killed.

A haybinder named Chas. Brown, aged 34, of Great Leathe, fell off a cartload of coal which he was driving from Bromfield, and was picked up dead, his neck being broken.

Gold medals have been presented to Mr. H. Bradshaw, of Urmston, and Mr. A. L. Lister, of Stockport, in recognition of assistance given by them to the police.

In a case of drunkenness at Chesham a police officer said that accused, whom he found suffering from alcohol poisoning, told him that he had drunk 25 glasses of neat whisky.

Owing to the prevalence of measles at Llanelli, the Education Committee have closed all their schools until the end of this month. The epidemic has therefore, enforced three weeks' holidays on 7,000 children.

**A MILK RECORD.**  
A new record is reported from Milwaukee of a kind uncommon even in that record-breaking country. It is stated that one of the cows bred by the University authorities has given, during the past year, 14 tons of milk, or sufficient to make 1,200 lbs. of butter.

**MARVELLOUS ESCAPE.**  
At Ludlow (Shropshire) Railway Station, as a train was entering the station, a woman fell in front of the engine. The train had to be divided before she could be reached. It was then found that she had been pushed off the platform and was lying practically unhurt between the platform and the line.

**YOUNG OFFICER'S DEATH.**  
Lieut. R. M. Wood, of the 6th Inniskillings, died at Inglestone, Essex, after an illness accentuated by a fall. Lieut. Wood, who was 32, served in Plumer's Matabele Relief Force, and with Roberts's Horse in the Boer War. He showed conspicuous bravery and tact, and Lord Roberts gave him a commission in the Inniskillings. He was in charge of the Dublin riding school.

**IDEA OF A COLOSSAL SCHEME.**  
It is stated that the King of Italy has been personally discussing with M. Camille the project of a navigable canal from Genoa to Constance. M. Camille is the author of the idea, and is a well-known engineer.

**REMEMBER THAT DICKENS DIED AT DAD.**  
Mr. Percy Fitzgerald, the eminent authority on Chas. Dickens, has stated of "Chas. Dickens in the grounds of Rochester Castle. It will be remembered that Dickens died at Dad, Hill, Rochester.

The rising of the Mosquito Indians against the Nicaraguan Government has ended.

For a criminal police museum in the Palace of Justice, Paris, the Council General of the Seine has voted £800.

The Kaiser has, through the German Ambassador, sent a donation of 10 guineas to the Poor Children's Yuletide Association.

In a case at Blackburn it was stated that organ-grinders earned 10s. each on Fridays and Saturdays, and 6s. on other days.

Out of the 1,266 vagrants released at Louth, Lincoln, during the last year, 20 had served in the Army and 8 in the Navy.

The Imperial Service Medal has just been awarded to 113 retired members of the Home and Colonial Civil Service.

A mass meeting in defence of the rights of parents is to be held in the Town Hall, Fulham, on Jan. 27. The principal speaker will be Mr. E. B. Smith, M.P.

Sealing a constable's boots from the charge against Police Officer Boxer, at Marylebone. He received 12 weeks' hard labour.

The Swedish Government has decided to appoint a naval attaché for its Legation in Japan and China, and that Capt. Chas. de Chama has been selected for the post.

The famous organ in St. Helen's Church, Bishopscote, which was built in the year 1744, and has a fine wood-carved case, is about to be removed.

Five skeletons, believed to be those of soldiers killed during the retreat of Napoleon's army from Waterloo, have been dug up in a field at Dettighu, near Roubaix, France.

**BAN FOR WOMEN SMOKERS.**  
An ordinance forbidding proprietors of hotels, restaurants and cafes to allow women to smoke in such places has been introduced by Mr. T. Sullivan in the New York Board of Aldermen.

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1. Poor far-ver's feet took up half the street, So his boots were in pro-portion, And the  
2. We had a goat with a cast-iron throat, Tho' he nev-er used to bite us. Far-ver's

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kids he'd squash in a day, by goah! It real-ly was a cau-tion! boots he chewed, and that goat they slewed, For he died of ap-pen-di-ci-tus.

CHORUS. 2nd time f

Now, me and my brother, from the age of four, Up till e-lev-en, used to  
Now, that goat had whiskers, and they goah the floor, And when they were plait-ed by the

sleep and snore, Nico and co-sy in a box of straw, In the  
kids next door, Made the fin-est la-ces that you ev-er saw, For the

1st time. D.S. 2nd time.

hob-nailed boots that my far-ver wore. Now far-ver wore.  
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3 The afternoon that we shot the moon  
All the tall men we "took in."  
For we paid "em" six, and we moved our sticks  
While the landlord stood there looking.

4 On a Lord Mayor's Day, just to shout hooray!  
Farver went, and how he sang "em"!  
But he flopped the street with his big fat feet,  
And the Lord Mayor drove "acrossed" 'em.

5 I've got good teeth, and it's my belief  
I must thank my farver for it,  
For if we've got coko, and we want it broke,  
I pick it up and gnaw it.

6 We took a trip on a great big ship,  
But my farver, so misguided,  
Wouldn't walk about with his legs stretched out,  
So the ship it went lapped.

7 When I went to school, oh, I looked a fool,  
For one day when we were drilling,  
My teacher said, "Toe the line, fathead!"  
And I did, though most unwilling.

8 Farver worked one day building ships, they say,  
For the Navy down at Chatham,  
And some German spies opened wide their eyes  
When his big boots they looked at 'em.

9 When those spies from Germany his big boots saw,  
They wired to the Kaiser, "Did two ships more."  
What they thought were Britanna's ships of war,  
Were the hobnail boots that my farver wore.











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